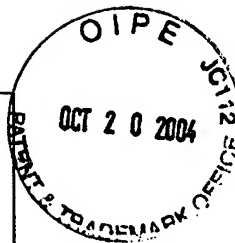


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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the final Office Action dated April 20, 2004, for which a response was due on July 20, 2004. Filed herewith is a Petition and fee for a three month extension of time, thereby extending the deadline for response to October 20, 2004. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.

Applicants have given careful consideration to the grounds for rejection and objection. The following amendments and remarks are believed to place this application in condition for allowance, which is respectfully requested.